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# ANNUAL REPORT CALUMET TOWNSHIP

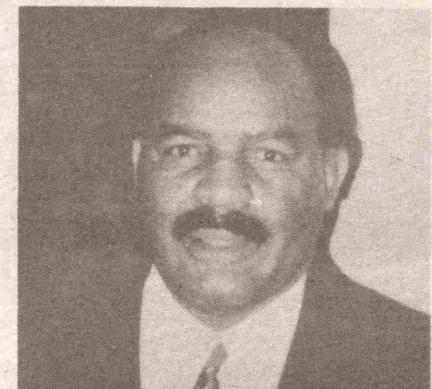
INDIANA COLLECTION  
Calumet Township



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Member



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President



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Secretary

**BUDGET REQUIRED  
ALL FUNDS  
\$14,526,500**

**APPROVED  
\$10,631,246**

## To the People of Calumet Township:

You have a right to know there are (5) five major categories of township government administered by the trustee, namely; Civil General, Public Safety, Community Services, Recreation, and Public Aid. Each of the categories have a primary sub-division directly related to finance either current or long term. The category which receives most attention is a public aid program known as Poor Relief.

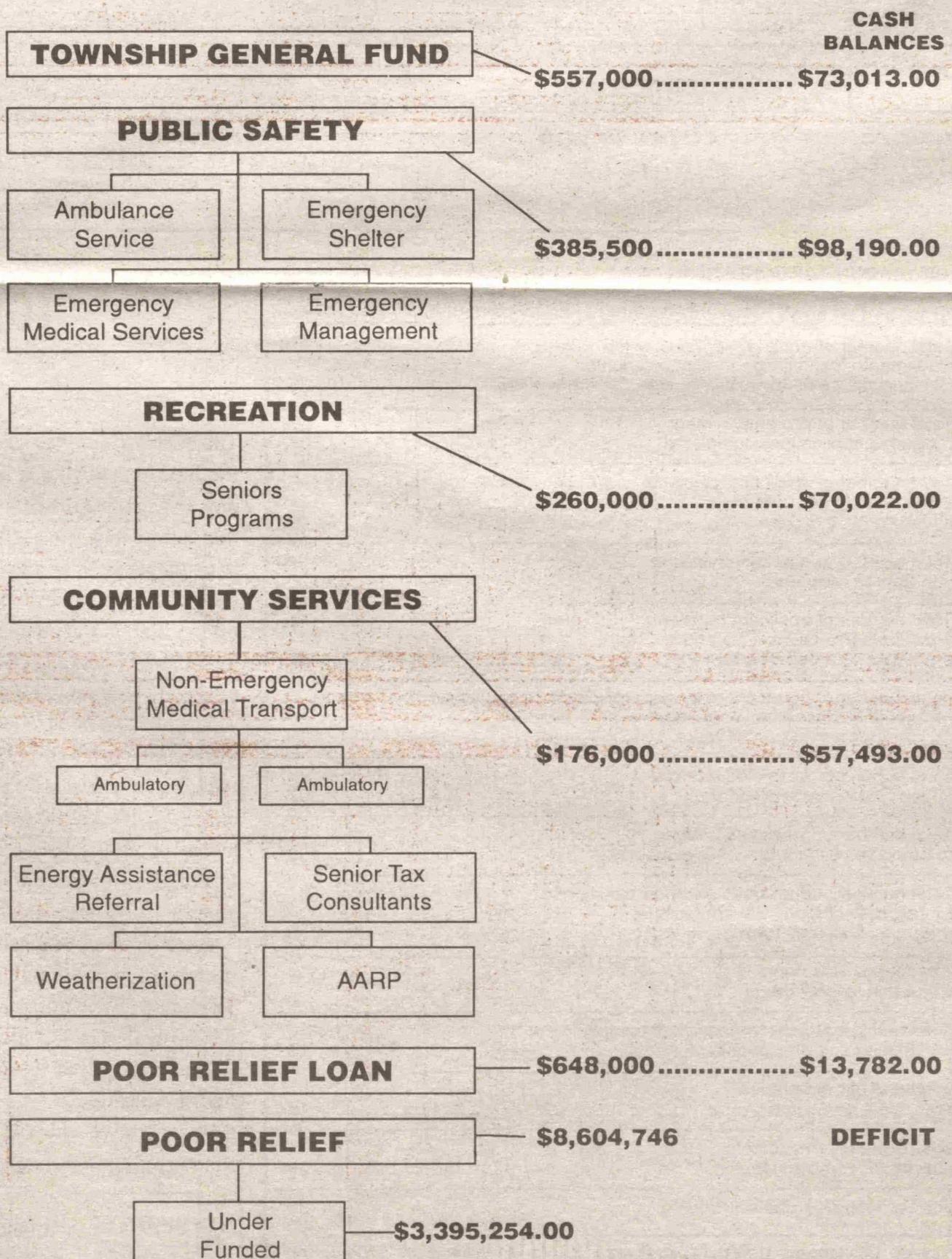
Currently the annual financial requirement to provide services for unemployed citizens is about 12,500,000.00. The township has the ability to raise about 8.5 million for public aid and is required to finance from 3,500,000.00 to 4,000,000.00 to complete an annual budget.

The Public Aid Fund is the only function ever requiring additional financing. The other (4) four funds have cash balances remaining at the end of each year. For example, the Civil General Fund had receipts of 857,855.00 in 1995, disbursements of 809,842.00 and a cash balance of 48,013.00. The Public Safety Fund had receipts of 704,445.00, disbursements of 606,254.00, a cash balance of 98,190.00. Community Service had receipts of 279,191.00, disbursements of 221,698.00, cash balance of 57,493.00. Recreation had receipts of 378,325.00, disbursements of 308,508.00, cash balance of 70,022.00.

It is clearly apparent the greatest challenge facing the Township is lack of job opportunities and marketable skills. Public Aid expenses clearly reflect the condition.

Underfunding creates a deficit. The deficit is financed with secondary funding, temporary loans or general obligation bonds. Cash flow is maintained with Tax Anticipation Warrents (TAW).

Trustee, Calumet Township



# YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THE FACTS

## MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER

### OPERATIONS/SERVICES

#### MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

##### PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MEDICAL TOTAL NUMBER

UNINCORPORATED CALUMET TOWNSHIP	CITY OF GARY	TOTAL NUMBER
419	2,125	2,544
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>		
<b>52,547.89</b>		

##### RENTAL PROGRAMS TOTAL NUMBER

SPEC RENT	REG SCH MTGS	RETIRED SENIORS	MERR BRIDGE	CHURCH SERV
71	18		101	270
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>				
<b>37,779.34</b>				

#### JOB TRAINING AS CONDITION FOR RECEIPT OF POOR RELIEF IC 12-20-12-1

	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
Total number of training programs or job placements found for poor relief recipients with assistance of Township Trustee	3	33
Total number of pre-employment recipients applications completed	225	2,707
Total number of applicant/recipients screened, tested, evaluated, counseled 2 or 3 tests	362	4,348
Total number of hours interviewing Job Search recipients	1,143	13,720
Total number of applicant/recipients enrolled in Pre-GED, GED and vocational programs - 9 month school year	39	351
Total number of hours spent by poor relief recipients at classroom instruction - 36 hours per month per student	1,401	12,636
Total number of recipients referred to Job Search from Workfare	225	2,707
Total number of recipients unable to be placed by Job Search classrooms	37	450
Total number of applicant/recipients sanctioned for failure to comply with educational programs Calumet Township/Impact	0.25	3
Attendance classroom disruption alcohol/drugs		
Total number of applicant/recipient completing job training and educational programs	2	25
Total number of potential employers contacted	1	14
Total number of recipients job referrals, private sector	2	25
Total numbers of jobs secured	2	30
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF JOB PLACEMENTS</b>	<b>26,705</b>	<b>320,460</b>

### ANNUAL REPORT

7 days a week, 365 days a year, Calumet Township Trustee Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provides state-certified ambulance services with state-of-the-art equipment. Citizens of the unincorporated area, Gary and Griffith have the choice of calling 980-2085 or phoning 911. Mutual aid agreements enable Calumet Township Trustee EMS to serve as a secondary responder, acting as a reserve unit for other area public safety units.

Alert dispatchers promptly signal drivers and medics of reported conditions. In a matter of minutes, patients can be safely moved from the scene of an accident or injury to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Regularly scheduled staff meetings provide timely and informative communications among all personnel. Attendance at the monthly sessions is mandatory for all EMS shifts. Between meetings, important notices are prominently posted.

The accurate and timely documentation of ambulance calls is an all important part of any EMS operation. A detailed record of patient care is maintained for each ambulance response. Calumet Township Trustee EMS stresses thorough documentation and communication will all health care providers.

## JOB SEARCH

### THE FACTS

The new Welfare Reform Law in the State of Indiana has a direct impact on Public Aid, and with existing laws on job training and education the Calumet Township Trustee's Office has launched a more aggressive job education, job search, job acquisition program. Township recipients are required to complete a pre-employment application, be screened and tested for direct referral to potential employers, after an evaluation of any previous work history, habits and other employer concerns. Those recipients not referred to direct employment are tested, screened and counseled for the training and education program. As a condition of receiving continuous assistance the Township standards of eligibility require the recipient to enroll in classroom instruction for the completion of a GED or if the recipient has a High School Diploma, enroll at Ivy Tech for additional education. Personal responsibility and self-sufficiency is directly related to employability. Obviously, job availability is of no consequence without marketable skills. Recipients who fail to comply with educational or training face suspension or reduction of their benefits until they are in compliance. In 1995, The Calumet Township Trustee's Office managed to enroll over 500 recipients in classroom instructions at 14 sites through out the Township and conduct 3 classrooms at the Township Office utilizing the professional skills of Certified Educators employed by the Gary Community School Corporation. Additionally, the Township also increased the number of enrollees with High School Diplomas in higher education at Ivy Tech State College. The vast majority of recipients are cooperative and willing to attend class and learn, only a few have been sanctioned for non-participation.

**JOB SEARCH:** Helping Clients to Regain Financial Independence through Employment.

POOR RELIEF BUDGET REQUIRED	<b>12,000,000</b>
APPROVED	<b>8,604,746</b>
UNDER FUNDED	<b>3,395,354</b>
POOR RELIEF SERVICES	<b>7,612,742</b>
PERSONNEL COSTS/FRINGE BENEFITS	<b>3,057,500</b>
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<b>592,323</b>
POOR RELIEF TOTAL COSTS	<b>11,262,565</b>

27% PERSONNEL      5% OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS      68% SERVICES

**7,612,742**

UTILITIES	3,796,212	49%
HOUSING	2,535,364	34%
MEDICAL	646,041	8%
BURIAL	346,984	5%
FOOD	232,038	3%
FURNITURE	37,470	
FUEL	15,952	
TRANSPORTATION	500	
HOMELESS SHELTER FOOD	2,178	1%
CLOTHING - Unmet Need	.000	
SCHOOL SUPPLIES - Unmet Need	.000	
SPECIAL SERVICES - Unmet Need	.000	

	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
Total number of poor relief recipients	6,555	78,662
Total number of households containing poor relief recipients	2,330	27,960
Total number of applicant recipients sign-in	4,161	49,938
Total number of times recipients processed	2,721	32,652
Total number of purchase orders issued	5,518	66,215
Total number of applicant recipients denied	32	380
Total number of applicant recipients appeals	85	1,021
Total value of recipients appeals approved by the County	22,367	268,408
Total value of recipients appeal denied by the County	16,074	192,891
Total value of recipients appeals	38,441	461,299
Total value of benefits provided relief recipients	655,409	7,612,743

# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

## THE FACTS

The General Assistance Challenge is a problem of taxation, education, employment and the delivery of needed services. The overall problem is not integrated in the minds of taxpayers to the degree that understanding homelessness, drug abuse, crime, domestic violence and alcoholism that result in unacceptable behavior in many cases has a common origin. The regressive taxation for funding public aid at the township level is unacceptable.

The County Council will not adopt a County Option Income Tax (C.O.I.T.) or the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (C.A.G.I.T.) intended for Operational Governmental Expenses and Property Tax Replacement. The county believes instead that funding on an as needed basis from either General Obligation Bonds or Temporary Loans with interest expense is a more desirable way to fund local government. Property taxation is self-destructive in a non-economic growth environment.

On the other hand the Indiana General Assembly to date will not allow local units of government beneath the county to adopt C.A.G.I.T., C.O.I.T., or an Economic Development Income Tax (E.D.I.T.) for a depressed locality, Townships under home rule should be empowered to enact C.O.I.T. or C.A.G.I.T. to the extent that the township shares the aggregate levy. Municipalities should be able to enact all (3) three forms to the same degree for the unfunded need of budgets and property tax reduction. The unfunded needs are a combination of misunderstanding and insensitivity on the needs of political sub-divisions beneath the county.

The Calumet Township Trustee's office General Assistance Statistics reflect that service needs are greatest for utilities and housing. In fact, to such a degree that some needs are unmet and special needs are out of the question. To meet the unfunded service needs with an excessive levy is not desirable from property taxes, however, the excessive levy is more economical than secondary funding from General Obligation Bonds. The township is required to support the service needs of the unemployed population at poverty standards by a federal court order. However, the state refuses to recognize the court order and approved an increased levy. The state will approve bond financing which in the final analysis increases taxes but also provides an investment opportunity for municipal bond investors. Bond speculation means taxpayers pay more taxes.

### HOMELESS SHELTER PROFILE

	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
Total number of homeless recipients	135	1,625
Total number of homeless - number household assisted	13	156
Total value of benefits provided for recipient	182.30	2,178

## Indiana Code IC 12-20-11-1

Public projects work requirement for poor relief recipients; exceptions; determination of suitability; value of performance; furnished equipment; supervision; insurance; displacement of employees

## Indiana Code IC 12-20-11-2

Nonprofit human services agency employment; suitability; value of performance; furnished equipment; supervision; insurance; displacement of employees

## Indiana Code IC 12-20-11-3

Adult or vocational education coursework exempting performance for nonprofit human services agencies; tuition reimbursement

## Indiana Code IC 12-20-11-4

Satisfaction of prior township obligations prerequisite to additional poor relief assistance; hardship temporary assistance; confirming documentation

Indiana Code IC 12-20-11-5  
Workers' compensation laws; applicationIndiana Code IC 12-20-10-1  
Able-bodied assistance applicants to seek employmentIndiana Code IC 12-20-10-2  
Assistance contingent on performance of work; exceptionIndiana Code IC 12-20-10-3  
Aid in securing employment; trusteeIndiana Code IC 12-20-10-4  
Aid in securing employment; township residents**CALUMET TOWNSHIP MANPOWER UTILIZATION**

## WORKFARE OBJECTIVE IS:

- To evaluate your employment potential.
- To develop an employment plan with you.
- To teach application and interview skills.
- To create a self-awareness environment to help develop an attitude of positive thinking.
- To refer clients to work assignments.
- To provide transportation to and from work assignments.

## CLIENT IS REQUIRED TO:

- Have a current unemployment card from the Indiana State Unemployment Office.
- Bring the investigator referral sheet on the assigned day.
- Report to the Workfare Counselor for counseling and assignment.
- Cooperate with the Workfare Counselor by providing accurate information of the application.
- Report for all appointments scheduled by your placement counselor.
- Complete your workfare assignment.
- Accept a suitable offer of employment.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Employable recipients of general assistance.

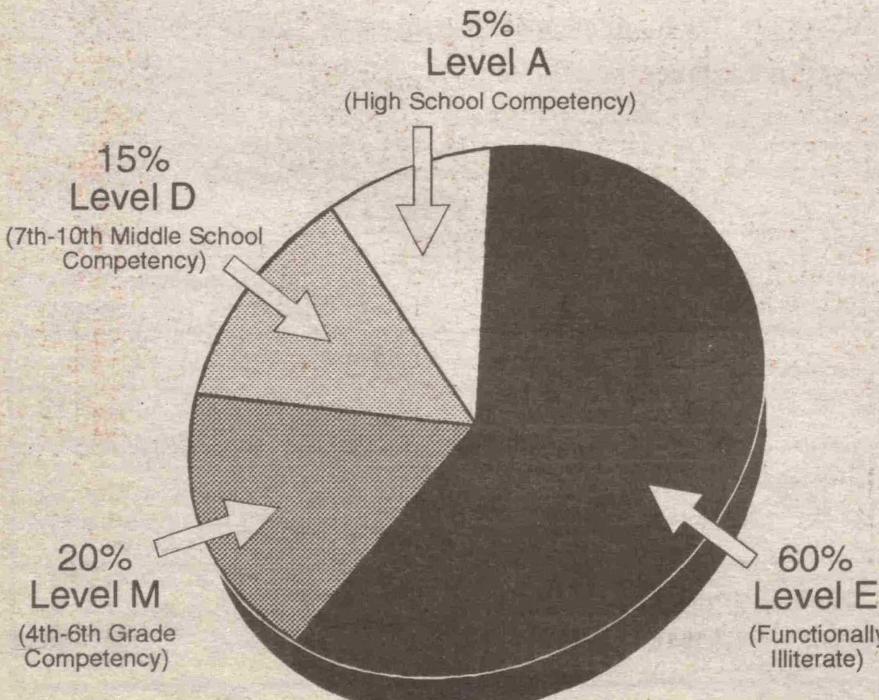
## WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE:

- The recipient who is a minor and is in school.
- The recipient who is sixty-five (65) years old and over.
- The recipient who has a full-time job at the same time as he/she receives assistance.
- The recipient who is needed to care for a family member who is disabled or ill.
- The recipient is not assigned because no work is available.

**WORKFARE**

MONTHLY ANNUAL

Numbers of hours spent by poor relief recipients at Workfare jobs	17,835	214,013
Total number of recipients referred to Workfare from Service Inv.	3,036	36,433
Total number of recipients exempt from Workfare	2,009	24,1409
Number of recipients assigned to Workfare sites	1,027	12,324
Total number of hours interviewing Workfare recipients	1,572	18,865
Total number of recipients did not report (DNR)	13	164
Total number of applicant/recipients sanctioned for failure to comply with Workfare	1	13
Total number of recipients unable to be placed - excused	185	2,222
Total number of Workfare sites government/not-for-profit	220	2,640
Total value of exempt relief recipients	396,201	4,754,417
Total value of recovery under Workfare	73,576	882,922

**CALUMET TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**  
**Client Test Scores**  
**Summer 1995**

Unfortunately there are some unpleasant realities, so many of the recipients of Township Public Aid can be described as hardcore, unemployed which means their disadvantages are more difficult to deal with, for example:

1. The 60% of applicants tested that are functionally illiterate will require more than 6 years of classroom instruction to be ready to earn a GED, this group must be classified Pre-Ged.
2. The 20% with fourth thru sixth grade comprehension will require more than 4 years.
3. The 15% with seventh thru tenth grade education could be ready in 2 years.
4. The 5% with proper attention can be made ready in 1 year for the GED Examination.